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Reported Arrest of Six Alleged "NDI Saboteurs" in the
Soviet Zone

1. Attached is ZIFFER's memo (9887, dated 2 March 1953), reporting alleged arrests which were supposedly made sometime during January 1953 when Soviet Army officials arrested six members of the "Organization of the 'National Democratic' Resistance near Ritter-204 (between Leipzig and Dres) in the Soviet Zone.

2. This O-D report sounds rather fantastic. However, we believe it should not be discounted entirely because it very probably is partly an accurate account of arrests which actually took place. The additional information concerning the NDI sabotage plan, etc. is very likely typical of the rumors and gossip usually surrounding such arrests.

3. WHO has no trace on either Tom GROBERT, Tom SPLEINER or SPLEINER; nor do we know anything of the ZIFFER source.

4. Note that ZIFFER would appreciate hearing from us in case we should be able to clarify these arrests.

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